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Portage
High School

GARY, INDIANA



The band officers are, left to right D. June, vice-president; M. Morrison, president, Mr. Lindquist,

sponsor; P. Fife, secretary-treasurer, and J. Benfield, secretary.

PORTAGE TAKES



A NEW LOOK

OPENING SECTION
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Typing students keep busy on the machines in our spacious typing room.



Boys in mechanical drawing find it pleasant to work in this newly equipped, modern classroom.



The operation of one of our new metal lathes is demonstrated by Mr. Metzger in shop class.



Myra Miller, Duane Van Blaircom, Barbara Maluvac, and Ronnie Falardeau view one of the displays presented by the Home Ec. department.

STROLLING AROUND SCHOOL



Carl Douglas, Sally DeWitt, and Bill Kleckner check the Indians basketball schedule that is posted on the bulletin board near the front door.



Testing some of the new chemistry apparatus is done by Bill Tittle, Mike Klukvin, Arlene Hawkinson, and Treva Schavey as Mr. Mullin supervises.



Above Mr. Morris explains the various parts of the motor and their functions to Driver Training students. Taking this all in are, left to right Sally DeWitt, Carol Goin, Ruth Cummins, and Carol Hibbs.



An important part of Home Economics training is the care of the sick. Here Beverly Calvert renders aid to a bed-ridden patient, Isabelle Steele.



What's cookin, boys? Let's see
The recipe on how to boil water
is . . .



Bob Parish's mischievous sneer reveals the general mood of the physics class. J. Robbins, A. Wolak, J. Oakley, J. Robbins, B. Hinkle, P. Cousins, W. Wade and P. Seely watch Mr. Cantwell throw the "main switch" in their complicated experiment. Pete seems a bit doubtful of the results, as he hides behind a corner of the desk, keeping an eye on the oscilloscope.

STUDENTS IN NEW SURROUNDINGS

The students in their new surroundings find many new interests and classes. One of the new classes this year is boys home economics, where the senior boys learn the fine art of boiling water. With the most modern kitchen equipment the home economics classes, both boys and girls are able to learn the most advanced methods of preparing food. With our most modern and well-equipped science department, students gain valuable experience with graphs, examples of text book statements. Each student has his own desk equipped with all necessary apparatus, including water and gas.

Even though driver's training is not offered as a solid this year, more students than ever before are learning the really right way to drive. The school always is supplied with the latest model car to keep up with new improvements.

The office practice class has more modern facilities to give them an idea of the conditions in industry today.

From Left to Right: S. Wyant, C. Farley, P. Ekstrom, and S. Zuraw gain experience using the mimeograph machine in their office practice class. By the looks on their faces, it must be fun.





After a not too long wait in the lunch line we enter upon a scene like this to take our noon respite. This is the cafeteria function of the all-purpose room. The room has been used for dances and convocations. The tables fold into the walls to make room on the floor.

USE NEW FACILITIES

One of the greatest differences between the new building and the old is the amount of light. There is a super-abundance of windows and the newest fluorescent lighting fixtures make up for any bashfulness of 'Ole Sol. The ceilings are paneled with sound absorbing material throughout the school. This reduces unwanted noises. Our new lockers have built-in combination locks designed to keep out burglars, but not mice. The color scheme of our classrooms is very interesting. Instead of painting each room alike in drab colors, the colors are alive and varied. The walls are constructed of colored, glazed tile and the top half of painted concrete block. The halls, which ordinarily would be dark, are lighted indirectly by windows from the classrooms. School this year in our new modern surroundings has been pleasantly different.



Dancing is one of the most popular pastimes around Portage at noon. It is enjoyed by many, as you can see from the looks on their faces.

EAT, DANCE, and be MERRY

Large windows over the lockers in the hall provide a new and different background for the art classes' decorations. Here they are shown painting a Christmas scene, shortly before the holidays.

After a mad dash down the halls, 'the mob,' otherwise known as the lunch line, eagerly wait for lunches to be served by the cooks in the spacious, new cafeteria.





Miss Lucybelle Lee, played by Joanne Curry, is displaying some of her "Southern Charm" in a scene from, "Ever Since Eve."

"Ever Since Eve," presented by the Junior Class, concerned Susan Blake and her efforts to become assistant editor of the school paper. When Johnny Clover, editor, and Spud Erwin, business manager, learn the news there is real trouble, especially when the little bundle of southern charm, "Miss Lucybelle Lee," comes into the picture. This theatrical comedy was a play that was enjoyed as much by the cast as by the audience.

JUNIORS PUBLISH PAPER

"Innocence is no excuse! Now I've got to arrest the whole kit 'n boilin' of you," shouts Cappy, played by John Bender, as he points the hand of the law at Susan Blake, played by Arlene Hawkinson, and her comrades.



"Be firm—but tactful!" asserts Henry Quinn, played by Neil Robinson, as he explains to Johnny Clover, played by Bill Hentschell, and Mr. Clover, played by Paul Bakken, the technique for managing women.



Mr. Morrison tried in vain to maintain his class, but because of his trying experiences the day before he was forced to dismiss them.

SENIORS ON LINE of SCRIMMAGE

This year's Senior Play really held the audience's attention. There was a high school principal that loved poetry, an over strict accrediting association representative, and an adolescent teenager with a crush on the poetry-loving principal. To spice the play's less active scenes the

cast often ad-libbed. These ad-libbs were some of the funniest lines in the play. Although rehearsals got off to a late start, the play's directors, Mr. and Mrs. Custer, directed the play with superior ability and produced one of the finest plays of this school year.

Perry Winman confesses his part of the stealing of the English test to the members of the school board.

Mr. Morrison goes through the "old sock old boy old whammy, routine as Mr. Keeler enters the room,





Above and Middle Here are two glimpses of the dance floor, the decorations, and some of the dancers who turned out for this colorful Fall dance.



DANCING

The 1954 Homecoming Dance was held in the Junior High Gym with Tommy Marshall's band providing the music.

The 1954 Homecoming Queen, Stephanie Strassen, was crowned and presided over the dance along with her court.

The decorations for the dance floor were a canopy of streamers and a centerpiece made of an assortment of tree branches.

This dance, as well as previous Homecoming dances, was under the sponsorship of the Student Council.



Part of the crowd taking a break between dances.

The Christmas Dance which was presented by the Senior Class was held in the new all-purpose room at the High School. This was the first dance of any kind that was held in our new building. The room was well-decorated for the Christmas mood with pine boughs and colored lights. The floor seemed to be slightly slippery but it only served to make the dance just a little bit more interesting.



IS FUN

Right A few of the people at the dance discuss the dance at one of the intermissions, while others wait for the music to begin again.

Below, Left The Cavaliers, one of the finest bands in the area, played at the Christmas Dance. The saxophone player seems to be enjoying the dance, as much as the students.

Below, Right Camera-shy dancers turn their backs as our photographer snaps this picture

Above The punch was not spiked, as popular belief would have it. Here are two couples receiving a cup of punch.





Homecoming Queen, Stephanie Strassen, is crowned by Shirley Gifford last year's queen. In her court are Jean Henson, Twyla Elliott, Shirley Noel, and Phyllis Turner.



Mr. Shaddick presents Stephanie Strassen, the Homecoming Queen, with a beautiful bouquet of roses.

HOMECOMING, **A DAMP VICTORY.**

Mud! Mud! And water! If for one thing the Homecoming Game can be remembered, it is for water. It poured down rain from beginning to end. Ditches were dug around the stands and straw was put over many spots to enable spectators to move over the liquid earth. The band was unable to march and play their salute to the Queen. The Queen and her court made their way over the straw

strewn earth where she received her dripping crown. It was reported that one could not distinguish Portage players from those of alien East Gary Edison for the mud. However, Portage brilliantly out sloshed the Eagles 26 to 6. This brightened up the overcast above and dried the spirits of those who felt ducky enough to root them on to victory.



This is part of the rainsoaked crowd that braved the weather for the Homecoming game.



Leading the Grand March at the 1954 Portage High School Prom are Po Davis, Paul Crisman, man, Shirley Noel, Tom Lenburg, Joan Jennings, Richard Clem, Stephanie Strassen, and Lynn McCasland.

THE SPELLBOUND NIGHT

Dressing in formal attire, dancing to the music of a fine orchestra, being in the Grand March, and getting in early the next morning were just a few of the highlights of the Prom given by the Junior Class in 1954. The Lake Hill's Country Club was

host to about one hundred couples, including the class sponsors and some of the parents, who enjoyed a gala evening of dancing and took home many memories that will last forever

The dance is underway and everyone seems to be enjoying the orchestra and the dancing.

Tom Lenburg and Paul Crisman, Junior and Senior class presidents and their dates, pause for some punch.





Fighting for a seat, dodging squirt guns and paper wads, or listening to Howard Miller make for an interesting bus ride. Still half asleep, the travelers emerge from their bus to begin a joyful day at school



After catching up on the latest gossip and comparing homework assignments, there is a mad scramble for books as the school bell is about to ring.

WORK. STUDY. PLAY MAKES A HAPPY DAY

English is no longer an uninteresting subject as the class learns to debate, produce plays, and publish a newspaper. This class, however, is not overlooking the importance of good grammar.





The young men business school again have been for their business and practice in their clothing classes. They are also given some of the most interesting and varied of studies from school.

MEANS: The girls find their first of teaching and, as you can see, a few more girls are also participating in the Junior High School.



While the boys are learning this in the shop class, the girls are learning this in the shop class. They are learning the to cook and sew for their future husbands.





And away we go — before the bell has finished ringing, the race is on to see who can be the first in the lunch line.

"Everyone's Doing the Mambo." These future Arthur Murrays can really "Shake, Rattle, and Roll" during their favorite subject — noon hour dancing.

The race is still going on as the cooks Annabel Thomae, Grace Mahns, Bertha Sierger, and Frances Schauburger are getting ready to "rush the rush" to the many hungry students and teachers.



Mr. W. demonstrates how maps
 are kept in class attentive. Notice Jim
 putting on his socks.



These artistic students would even
 make Whistler's mother whistle.

It seems as if everyone wants to get
 into the act or else this was an excep-
 tionally hot day.





FRESH STAGE XMAS PLAY

Upper right: "Umbrellas!" cried the nine Umberto children. "Santa could never have sent these!" The freshman play, sparkling with the spirit of Christmas, was presented during the holiday convocation.

Upper left: Mrs. Santa, played by Beverly McBride, looks on as Santa, Tom Ambler, gives orders to his helpers Ting, Janice Anderson, and Ling, Colyn Phillips.

Lower: "These Umbrellas certainly are of fine quality!" exclaimed the neighbors as they carefully looked them over.

Center: Singing "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly," the Umberto children happily danced around their Christmas umbrella.





Keeping the spirits of the Jr. High fans soaring as they led the fans in cheers are (left to right) Mary Bishop, Suanne Smith, Beth Skubish, and Marilyn Koelyker.



DRUM MAJORETTI

This pretty miss, Pat Fife, was the first majorette to lead the Jr. High band down the football field.

JR. HIGH CHEERLEADERS

FRESHMAN CHEERLEADERS

Go! Fight! Win! was heard echoing through the gym as the fans and the cheerleaders cheered the team on to many victories. The freshman cheerleaders this year are (left to right) Sharon Holm, Sue Benner, Marjorie Harris, and Mary Morrison.





SPORTS

Moving into a new school presented a problem for our athletes. The fact that we don't have a gym or track or baseball field at the new high school meant a little more travel back and forth to the Junior High School. Even with this slight handicap we are happy to show you, in the next few pages, what our teams accomplished.





Top Row—Kenny Jackson, Joe Swab, Mike Brady, Jack Thomas, Earl Jackson, Donald Dean, Larry Sausman.

Second Row—Coach Metzcus, Mike Metzcus, Bob Tidwell, Bob Parish, Leroy Jent, Ronnie Arellano, Mike Millikin, Jerry Arthur, Coach Speckard

Third Row—Charlie Dawson, Larry Peterson, Gary Bradford, Lindy Betancourt, Pete Seely, Ralph Nemergut, Bob Haack, Bill Curry.

Bottom Row—Dale Puett, Larry Bradford, Tom Lenburg, Nick Fekete, Larry Borg, Ronnie Puett, Jack Lenburg.

SECOND IN

Ronnie Arellano—*Tackle*
Ralph Nemergut—*Tackle*

Gary Bradford—*End*
Ron Puett—*Halfback*

Nick Fekete—*Quarterback*
Pete Seely—*Tackle*

Tom Lenburg—*Halfback*
Jack Thomas—*Guard*



The 1954 Portage High School Football team had a season which surprised everyone, but the coaching staff and the players. The Indians wound up the season with 7 wins and 3 losses for the all season play and 5 wins and 1 loss in the conference to take second place ahead of favored Hobart and Griffith. Portage's only loss in the conference was at a tough and keyed up Gary Edison team which won the Conference.

For the first game of the year, Portage traveled to the nest of the East Gary Eagles, whom we had not beaten for the past four years. The game was a little bit one-sided, with Portage coming out on top with a 19 to 0 score. The second game was played on the Indians' home field, as we played host to the Indians of Dyer. The first half came to a scoreless standstill, as both teams were on the up and up on defense, but in the second half Portage came to life and finally won the game by a score of 13 to 0. The third game was against a rough and tough Mer-

rillville team. The first half of the game was very rough and tough, with a score of Portage 19, Merrillville 13. The second half was a runaway for Portage, with the final score of 33 to 13. So far we were out on top of the conference with a 2 wins and 0 losses record and we had to play Gary Edison next week and that would tell the story of our final standings in the Conference for 1954.

The Gary Edison game was hard-fought the first half and Portage was ahead by a score of 9-6, but in the second half Edison came back very strong and won by the score of 18 to 9. Our hopes for the conference title went down the drain. The rest of the season went well as we lost our next 2 games to Griffith (27-14) and South Bend Adams (56-19). Then we came back to win our last 4 games of the season, which were against East Gary (Our Homecoming) 26-6, Valpo. 33-21, Wirt 39-6, and Lowell, which was a complete whitewash, 56-0.

CONFERENCE

Lindy Betancourt - End
Ken Jackson - Fullback

Larry Bradford - Fullback
Jack Lenburg - Guard

Bob Haack - Center
Leroy Jent - Guard

Mike Metzcus - End
Bob Parish - Guard





Jerry Arthur - Guard



Joe Swab - Back

Portage 19- 0
 Portage 13- 0
 Portage 33-13
 Portage 9-18
 Portage 14-27
 Portage 56-19
 Portage 26- 6
 Portage 33-21
 Portage 39- 6
 Portage 56- 0

East Gary
 Dyer
 Merrillville
 Gary Edison
 Griffith
 So. Bend Adams
 East Gary
 Valparaiso
 Gary Wirt
 Lowell



Bob Haack [24] looks pretty fierce after such a hard tackle.



As we know Ronnie Arellano [78] is always the last man down the field, but on the way he always manages to mow a few over.

As Tommy Lenbus (22) runs to defend a block, Gary Bradford (28) and Leroy Jett (25) come to his assistance in an attempt to stop the opponent from scoring. What a pose!

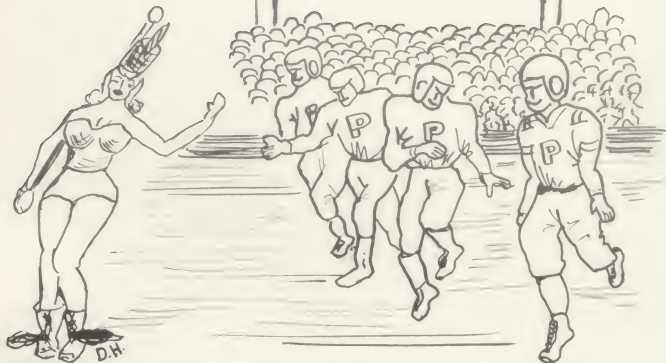


How would you like to go through this stone wall?



The referee moves in. 'Tweet! Tweet!'





BETTER WATCH OUT, BOYS. SHE'S GOT A CLUB !

Head Coach Speckhard explains a few fundamentals to Coach Metzcus and Manager John Mander.





Top Row Coach Smith, Bruce Shultz, Jack Colville, Mike Brady, Tom Kunstack, Bill McGiv
 eren, and Harlan Abraham
 Middle Row Ralph Lucky, Jim Douglas, Frank Midnight, Eric Sealey, Ken Ingram, Ron Buhman,
 and Don Dean.
 Bottom Row - Bill Curry, Bob Kidwell, Earl Jackson, Larry Peterson, Larry Sausman, and Bill
 Todd

B-TEAM FOOTBALL

The Portage Football Reserves came up with a surprisingly potential team. They wound up their season with a good record of 4 wins and 2 losses and 1 tie. They were hampered by a lot of bad weather, but still they played good, rough and tough football all through the year. A couple of their games were called on account of bad field conditions which wouldn't permit the games to be played. The boys on the team who seem to have good potentiality were all sophomores, and were as follows: Mike Brady, QB, Earl Jackson, Guard, Larry Peterson, End, and Jack Colville, HB.



Lowell Ripperdan



Gary Bradford



Lindy Betancourt



Bob Parish



Tom Lenburg

VARSIITY IMPROVES

Just two weeks after the end of football season the team played their first game with Hebron. It was a very close game with Hebron winning by only two points. The next three games were lost, but the team gained valuable experience from each game. Through the fine coaching of Mr. Dean Snider the players learned more about basketball. Later in the season this training paid off when they won some very close games against Griffith, Kouts, and Valparaiso. They also lost by very narrow margins to Hobart, Hammond Morton, and Chesterton. The team showed that they were plenty tough, because they carried a little football right on to the

court. During the Holiday Tourney they beat Crown Point in the first game, but lost the second game to a tough Chesterton squad. At the County Tourney they ran over the Morgan team, but again lost to Chesterton by one point in the most thrilling game of the tourney. Jackson was the first opponent at the sectional.

Then came high-scoring Valparaiso which they out-scored by only 2 points. Next was that old villain Chesterton, which put Portage out of the running with a final score of 44-47. Portage's record in the Calumer Conference was 4 wins and 4 losses

Mike doesn't want to play London Bridge



Here's the fight, fellas!





Mike Brady



Jim McHargue



John Rollins



Jim Bacon



Larry Bradford

WITH EXPERIENCE

Front Row - Managers Larry Lynn, Kenneth Howerton, Ken Jackson.

Middle Row - Jim McHargue, Tom Lenburg, Larry Bradford, Lowell Ripperdan, Bob Parish.

Back Row - Coach Snyder, Mike Brady, John Rollins, Lindy Betancourt, Jim Bacon, Gary Bradford, Coach Bogan.





It looks like ring-around-the-rosy on one foot, but Tom Lenburg seems to have a good grip on the ball.

FEROCIOUS FIVE

Portage	49-51	Hebron
Portage	39-60	Valparaiso
Portage	47-56	Chesterton
Portage	48-68	Merrillville
Portage	65-47	Dyer
Portage	50-56	Gary Edison
Portage	51-57	Gary Wirt
Portage	43-32	Crown Point
Portage	26-41	Chesterton
Portage	45-51	Wheeler
Portage	52-67	Calumet Twp.
Portage	53-29	Morgan
Portage	45-46	Chesterton
Portage	62-54	East Gary
Portage	73-74	Hobart
Portage	75-59	Lowell
Portage	59-57	Griffith
Portage	45-43	Kouts
Portage	70-71	Hammond Morton
Portage	62-32	Boone Grove
Portage	73-37	Jackson
Portage	62-60	Valparaiso
Portage	44-47	Chesterton



"Big," John Rollins, one of the larger men on the team, shows how to reach way up for that basket.



Two of the big rebounders, Gary Bradford and John Rollins, try to get the ball, but it looks as if they have competition.

FOOL FOES

Tom Lenburg makes a good pass to Gary Bradford while the Gary Edison team stands around. They didn't stand around long, though, because Gary Edison beat us by 6 points.



"B'S" HAVE GOOD SEASON

Portage 46-31
Portage 42-34
Portage 25-43
Portage 24-38
Portage 35-33
Portage 29-35
Portage 41-30
Portage 58-24
Portage 39-44

Hebron
Valparaiso
Chesterton
Merrillville
Dyer
Gary Edison
Gary Wirt
Wheeler
Calumet Twp.

Reserve Tourney

Portage 41-22
Portage 34-32
Portage 32-39
Portage 28-44
Portage 53-39
Portage 47-46
Portage 31-51
Portage 25-30
Portage 45-49
Portage 56-27

Crown Point
Chesterton
Lew Wallace
East Gary
Hobart
Lowell
Griffith
Kouts
Hammond Morton
Boone Grove

The Portage B-Team retained a winning season with a 10 win and 9 lost record. Their season was highlighted by the winning of the Reserve Tourney at Valparaiso. In the tourney they easily defeated Crown Point, 41-22 to reach the finals against Chesterton. The winner wasn't decided until the last minute as Portage finally walked off with the trophy, 34-32. This proved to be the first trophy for the new school.



Big Larry Peterson (10) really isn't as tall as he looks.



Front Row - Manager Ken Howerton, Nick Greavue, Phil Schlobohm, Frank Midnight, Marvin Nicolette, David Carmichael, Manager Ken Jackson.
Back Row - Coach Snyder, Jim Carlson, Larry Peterson, Jim Bacon, Pete Adams, Jim Douglas, Coach Bogan.

Portage	52	Liberty	30
Portage	32	Wirt	30
Portage	33	Chesterton	22
Portage	27	Valpo	40
Portage	40	Hobart	36
Portage	34	East Gary	31
Portage	21	Edison	33
Portage	24	Crown Point	17
Freshman Tourney			
Portage	14	East Gary	8
Portage	19	Edison	18
Portage	28	Merrillville	33
Valpo Tourney			
Portage	28	Chesterton	37
Portage	25	Crown Point	31
Portage	22	E. Chic. Wash.	26



First Row - George Svihla, David Strilich, Bill Todd, Ralph Luckey, Bill McGivern.
Second Row - Paul Parker, David Baum, Darrell June, Tom Kunstek

David Strilich soars high in the air to start the game between Edison and Portage during the Freshman Tourney.

Ralph Luckey goes after the ball during the Freshman Tourney. Portage won the game 19-18, but lost in the final game to Merrillville.





First row - Tom Ambler, David Baum, Frank Dunn, Robert Snelling, Stephen Main, Tommy Phillips.
Second row - John Gilbert, Kenneth Ingram, Collyn Phillips, Darrell June, Charles Bowlby, Jim McKim, Jeffrey Miller.

The seventh grade team had a hard time winning games, however, their driving spirit kept them from losing any game by more than seven points. Their season's record was three wins matched with six losses. Through the enthusiastic coaching of Mr. Schwery, the team gradually improved and has big hopes for next year.

The future looks good for this eighth grade team whose players will soon be competing for varsity positions. With the record of seven wins against four setbacks, the team owes much of its success to their coach, Mr. French. One of the heartaches of the season took place during the Eighth Grade Tournament with the team coming from behind to play an over-time and then losing the game by one point.



First row - Mike Kimberlin, Morris Douglas, Bobbie Reynolds, Albert Gerber, Mike Corson, David Luke, manager.
Second row - Bill Maluvac, George Lute, Ray Lute, Tony Sarver, John Deon, Terry Nohr, and Danny Roszkowski.



First row - Windell Claxton, Don Nelson, Tommy Hull, Bill Parish, Don Glenn, David Wilkie.
Second row - Bob Wilson, student manager, David Dickerson, Dale Thorn, Tom Samuels, Bill Fekete, Ronald Fenske, Donald Fenske, Mr. French, coach.



Top Row—L. to R. Charlie Dawson, Ted Peterson, Mike Millikin, Joe Sistanich, Bob Parish, Nick Fekete, Gary Bradford.

Middle Row—L. to R. Larry Lynn, Richard Clem, Harvey Lahaie, Kent Lindquist, Frank Taylor, Mike Brady.

Bottom Row—L. to R. Coach Strelow, Phil Schlobolm, Pete Adams, Lowell Ripperdan, Larry Bradford, Andy Siska, Bruce Schultz, Manager

BASEBALL

The 1954 baseball team had a good season with a 6 win, 11 loss record. They finished 8th place in the conference. Coach Strelow had a good crew of veterans back, with 11 lettermen and a good crop of experienced juniors and sophomores. Graduating from the 1954 squad were Joe Sistanich, all conference pitcher, Richard Clem, all conference outfielder, and Frank Taylor, 4 year letterman infielder.

Nick Fekete is tagged out by Mike Brady after he attempted an unwise steal.

Siesta Time for the Baseball Nine





The cross-country boys work out on the road. It looks like pretty tough running with no shoes.

Even though only three boys ran in the first meet of the 1954-55 season, due to the delayed opening of school, our cross-country team had an extremely good finish. Under the expert coaching of Mr. Dean Snider, they wound up the season by coming in 3rd in the Calumet Conference and 13th out of 24 in the Sectionals. Terry Sausman set the pace in every meet with Jack Oakley running second each time.

2-MILE MEN RUN AGAIN

Top Row Left to Right - Leslie Thorn, Leroy Jones, Jim McHargue, and Coach Snider.

Bottom Row Left to Right David Carmichael, Doug Thomas, Jack Oakley and Terry Sausman.





Top Row - J. Oakley, J. Lenburg, D. Carmichael, G. Booth, J. Thomas, J. Lynn, R. McKinney.

Second Row - D. Culp, P. Hutchings, E. Aller, J. Swab, D. Dean, D. Person, B. Ingram, P. Cousins.

Third Row - Coach Bogan, J. Hill, J. Clark, B. Hinkle, R. Bennett, L. Jent, M. Metzcus, F. Bonick, I. VanBlaircom, Mgr.

Fourth Row - R. Puett, J. Hallman, J. Colville, B. Haack, W. Schwager, J. Gottlieb, D. Thomas, L. Glenn.

Bottom Row - J. Bacon, C. Ingram, B. Colville, R. Betancourt, J. Magura, M. Kluckvin, R. Arellano, T. Sausman.

TRACK - 1954

The 1954 track team was coached this year by Jim Bogan. The team ended the season with a record of 3 wins and 4 losses and finished 3rd in the Calumet Conference meet. It just missed first place in the Porter County meet by 3 points. A 440-yard record was broken by Lowell Glenn when he ran it in 53.4 seconds, beating Richard Clem's record of 54 seconds.

Ronnie Puett and Joe Swab wait for the starting gun.



Ronnie Arellano, a junior shot-putter, was a constant first place winner earning first in 6 meets, including the Porter County meet. Ronnie Puett and Joe Swab were outstanding men in the 100-yard dash and the 220-yard dash. Coach Bogan was very well satisfied and looked for a better season next year (1955), losing only two men in Wayne Schwager and Bill Colville.

Mr. Walker, Mike, Lowell, Jim, and Coach Bogan check on a winning time.





ACTIVITIES

Throughout the year there has been a number of varied activities at Portage to meet the interests of nearly everyone. These are the extra curricular activities. Some are connected with regular classes, others are entirely independent of any class. Their purpose is to give everyone attending school a well-rounded education as well as recreation and diversion from studying.





L. to R

1st row—P. Robbins, L. Long, L. Ripperdan, S. Strassen.

2nd row—S. Wyant, K. Peterson, L. Smock, B. Smith, D. Payne, K. Sines, M. Brady, A. Hawkinson.

3rd row—L. Garrison, J. Lute, B. Schultz, M. Crowe, J. Rice, M. Wade,

C. Bakken, Mr. Myers, Mr. Lindquist, P. Bakken, J. Merwald.

4th row—L. Ripperdan, J. Bender, L. Nelson, B. Parish, J. Rollins, E. Allier, G. Bond.

5th row—M. Hickman, B. Haack, B. Flynn, C. Myrshall, K. Morrison.

BAND SHOWS VERSATILITY IN

To start this year of marches and concerts, the band went to Riverview Park in Chicago as a guest for a day, and marched in the two-mile Mardi Gras parade. After this day of fun, the band started practicing for shows at football game half-times and for the marching contest at Valparaiso, which was rained out. The concert band of fifty-nine members, with the choir and the Double Sextet, after much practice presented its first in a series of three concerts. In February, all the first place winners from the District Solo and Ensemble Contest and the state finals at Butler University were showing off their shiny medals. This year, 120 music students took part in the District Band and Choir Contest in Valparaiso. On May 6th, the band, choir, and Double Sextet gave its final concert, which was a farewell to the nineteen seniors. The seniors will leave with many fond memories of the band trips and all the fun they had being a member of the Portage band.



Lynne Ripperdan steps off modeling her new majorette outfit.



Left to Right.

1st row - S. Strassen, J. Smith, L. Brown, A. Bratton.

2nd row - M. Brady, A. Hawkinson, P. Schultz, L. Thorn, V. Strassen, P. Smith, J. Olson.

3rd row - P. Bakken, J. Merwald, B. Tittle, M. Klukvin, R. Arellano, L. Bradford, D. Carmichael.

J. Robbins, J. Curry, K. Lindquist.

4th row - C. Goin, D. Swanson, D. Lute, B. L'Huillier, D. Thomas, D. Peyton.

MARCHING and CONCERT PROGRAMS



Left, "And now, we proudly present the Portage High School Band under the direction of Lynne Ripperdan, Drum Majorette."

Right, Lynne signals the band for the execution of the Right Minstrel Turn.





Top, L. to R. K. Taber, B. Hentschel, B. Maluvac, B. Ingram, B. Zyskowski, C. Steele, D. Moore, M. Miller, P. Shudick, B. Sinclair, N. Greavu, M. Merwald, A. Strain, M. Mililkin, B. Haack

2nd Row L. to R. A. Bratton, S. Strassen, B. Smith, T. Schavey, J. McD inald, B. Tittle, J. Smith, R. Arellano, C. Farley, M. Klukvin, D. Hentschel, J. Bender, M. Brady, D. Johanson, K. Johnson, B. Flynn, J. Farry, P. Bakken

3rd Row L. to R. Mr. Lindquist, S. Zurow, J. Miller,

D. Hendershott, L. Smock, K. Lindquist, M. Hickman, D. Peyton, K. Morrison, R. Parish, J. Holm C. Coyne, J. McHargue, S. Crossman, K. Dougherty, A. Wolak, L. Borg, N. Fekete

Bottom Row L. to R. Mr. Myers, J. Curry, N. Tatkany, L. Thorne, J. Olson, B. Borrowman, L. Ripperdan, L. Bradford, A. Hawkinson, L. Ripperdan, C. Myshraill, B. Schultz, M. Gilbert, D. Thomas, M. Crowe, D. Carmichael, R. Cummins, L. Long, J. Robbins

CHOIR PRESENTS



Have you heard the bellowing that comes from the music room? This bellowing slowly turns into beautifully performed songs. The two men responsible for the turning of frog throated kids to very fine singers are Mr. Myers and Mr. Lindquist.

After many weeks of practicing, the choir puts on a concert that lasts a very short time, then it is back to the working on new songs for a new concert.

The contest that followed the first concert was the proof of the fine music leadership of our two maestros.

There was not only work involved in this year's choir, but incidents like, begging Rog to play Boogie Woogie on the piano and the never ending sound of "prune" uttered from Mr. George Myers.

"Come on you prunes, get with it!" This is a typical pose for Mr. Myers as he directs in the new music room.



"Come on everybody open wide those cavities. Rog gives the choir a helping hand even to the thumb in the mouth

Here is Rog in a familiar pose as he directs the choir.



As Mr. Rogers is directing a chorus class, he seems to be ejecting a bit of the song himself.



DOUBLE SEXTET

The 1954-55 edition of the Portage Double Sextette marks the seventh year of its existence. This group consists of six girls and six boys, plus two accompanists, under the able direction of Mr. George Myers. The Double Sextette sang for various clubs, organizations, and high schools throughout Indiana. Their first tour was March 16-18. On the first day they sang at Goshen College and high schools in that vicinity. The second day was spent in performing for high schools in the Fort Wayne area and the third

in central Indiana.

The next trip was taken on April 21-22. This time the group went to Indiana University to sing for the music classes there. They sang at a few high schools on the way home.

The Double Sextette proudly claims first place in both the district and state music contests for the second consecutive year.

Left to Right: Michael Kluckvin, Carol Farley, Ronnie Arellano, Jo Ann Smith, Lowell Ripperdan, Arlene Hawkinson, Larry Bradford, Lynne Ripperdan, Bob Farish, Kathleen Morrison, Dale Peyton, Marjorie Hickman, accompanists - Lloyd Long, Janet Robbins.





LIBRARY

CLUB

Working in one corner of our spacious library examining a book purchased recently are, L. to R., Miss Opal Curtis, Sponsor; Treva Shavey, President, Ken Dougherty, Vice President; and Janice Zula, Secretary-Treasurer.



BOOK WORMS ARE IN DEMAND is the thought behind this gathering as L. to R., Nancee Tarkany, Charlene Reed, Peggy Smith, Barbara Zyskowski, Barbara Creasy, Pauline Rodgym, Twyla Elliot, and Joan Shepard look with interest at some of the books the library has to offer.

Under the direction of the new librarian, Miss Opal Curtis, the Library Club began this year by getting the new books ready for the use of the student body.

The main activity this year was the annual banquet, the theme of which was "Honest Abe." Using their artistic abilities to decorate the Junior High Cafeteria, where the banquet was held was a source of enjoyment for everyone.

Although the activities were limited the club enjoyed its work and hopes that next year they can go on improving the library and instructing the students in its use.

DON'T EVERYBODY TALK AT ONCE ... says Bonnie Sinclair as Neil Robinson, Carol Hinderer, Margie Wade, Juanita Rice, Jackie Merwald, Tanya McCasland, Anne Bratton, Bonnie Sinclair, and Judy Shirley discuss books they have been reading.



SPANISH CLUB

La Tertula, the Spanish Club, met once every 2 weeks during class where they played games in Spanish and listened to talks given by teachers and pupils on aspects of Spanish culture.

The purpose of the club is to attempt to use what is learned in class for practical purposes. The members also learn some of the customs of the country. At the Christmas party a pinata, which in Spain is a clay vessel filled with candy, fruit, and prizes, was the center of attraction.

The club translated well-known American advertisements and made Spanish posters of them. Spanish birthday cards were also put on display.

Listening to Karen Peterson record in Spanish are. L. to R. Annette Zykowki, Sec.-Treas.; Judie Wilcox, President; Carol Goin, Mr. Weber, Sponsor; Carol Hibbs, Joyus Bednash, Vice President; and Nancy Corneil.



These happy, smiling faces belong to, seated: Kathleen Morrison, Kathryn Brown, Donna Shepard. Standing David Hord, Joyce Miller, Bill Kleckner, Connie Myshrahl, Barry Flynn.

L. to R.—Pat Enos, Delphina Mendoza, Sandra Gates, and Betty Snow locate places of interest on a map of Spanish-speaking countries in Central America.



FRENCH CLUB

In Portage's large, new building this year there are some newly formed clubs. One of these is the French Club, better known as Le Cercle Francais. This is the first year in Portage's history that French has been taught.

At bi-weekly meetings, students received information on French culture and environment. They listened to records by French singers and comedians. Occasionally the sponsor, Mr. Weber, tuned in overseas broadcasts on his trans-oceanic radio. They had fun playing games and giving French skits.

Some projects of the club have been to make a French calendar and posters written in French that advertised school activities.



The French Club officers and sponsor look over a vacation spot on the French Riviera. L to R. Mr. Weber (sponsor), Ken Dougherty (pres.), Sandra Baker (sec.), and Janet Robbins (vice-pres.)



Ooh, la, la! What's the date today? L. to R. Ken Dougherty, John Reed, Duane VanBlaircom, and Jim Douglas check the club calendar



Oh boy! The grade book! Delving into Mr. Weber's brief case are L. to R. Lila Thompson, Mary Funky, Phyllis Gottlieb, Nancee Tarkany, Janet Robbins, and Sandra Baker



First Row, Left to Right - B. McGovern, J. Anderson, S. Math, C. Phillips, J. Stogor.
 Second Row, Left to Right - A. Ryan, S. Holm, D. Koedyker, H. Abraham, L. Laiter.
 Third Row, Left to Right - P. Mahis, J. Leady, A. Gabor, A. Moore, K. Filler.
 Fourth Row, Left to Right - M. Wood, D. Larson, H. Moore, K. Collins, G. Svihla, D. Baum.

LATIN CLUB

The Latin Club, under the direction of their sponsor, Mrs. Jones, enjoyed a banquet given for all Latin Club students. The second year Latin Club stu-

dents initiated the first year students into the club. They received cards and pins, which made them official members.

First Row - Frank Midnight, David Lute, Bonnie Sinclair, Mary Funkey.
 Second Row - Curtis Severance, Andy Kopko, Valerie Strassen, Ann Bratton.
 Third Row - Duane Swanson, Sandra Baker.

Seated - Beverly McBride, team captain; Pat Fife, secretary-treasurer; Marjorie Harris, team captain.
 Standing - Tom Ambler, president; Bill McGivern, team captain.





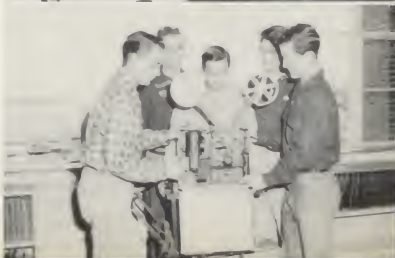
The members of the Senior Audio-Visual are (standing) D. Hord, J. Nygra, B. L'Huillier, K. Daugherty, L. Nelson, J. Hallman, E. Aller, B. Flynn; seated B. Ingram, B. Tittle, M. Klukvin, P. Adams, B. L'Huillier and E. Seely.

This year's Audio-Visual extended its services by organizing a junior and senior division. Under the leadership of Mr. Watson the club brought many new features into being. Among these were the use of two projectors and an entirely different p.a. system.



Above—One of the prime functions of Audio Visual is the running of records during noon-time. Here we see John Nygra doing just that.

Right—Here we see Barry Flynn (president) explaining the running of the new projector to Bryce Ingram, Jim Hallman (vice-pres.), Don Mongold, and Larry Lynn (sec. treas.)





One phase of photography is studying the finished product for faults and then the next time the mistake will be corrected. From left to right B. Sinclair, S. Mueller, Mr. Mullen, R. Crist, L. Nelson.



The success of the club's first year was, in part the contribution of the new officers. From left to right: N. Robinson, Vice-pres.; K. Morrison, Sec.-Treas.; D. Peyton, Pres.

DARKROOM GANG

As the year progressed the interest of the student body increased, therefore, the club's membership widened. Members from left to right: S. Strassen, M. Parker, P. Roygom, A. Wolak, J. Hallman, J. Arthur, B. Flynn, J. Hall, J. Magura, B. Tittle, M. Kluckvin, P. Seely, B. Ingram.

Even the simplest box camera is a valuable piece of equipment to the photographer. Here pictured with their own equipment are from left to right: M. Hickman, C. Myrshall, W. Wade, L. Jent, B. L'Huillier, B. L'Huillier, P. Hutchings.





The whole gang gets together for a spontaneous pep session to provide a few extra cheers for the games.

The newly organized Pep Club really backed our teams with enthusiastic yells and cheers for victory. For the County Tourney, pom-poms were made and sold to the cheering section, which proved a very good consideration for the cheerleading trophy. The Pep Club kept up the school spirit and showed good sportsmanship whether the teams were winning or losing.

The officers this year are: Pres., Stephanie Strassen; Vice-Pres. Joan Smith; and Sec., Treas. Joan Jennings.



"TEAM, TEAM, TEAM, A LITTLE LOUDER NOW" shouts the cheering section led by the cheerleaders: L. to R. Mary Gilbert, Mary Parker, Phyllis Turner, Lynne Ripperstein, and Twyla Elliott.

PEP CLUB

"Twice as fast, twice as hard" yells the Twilite girls as our team takes the field to come back with another victory.





Helping count 'Honest' John Reed's money are, reading left to right, Eric Seely, Jim Bacon, Treva Schavey, Barry Flynn, John Bender, and Ed Aller. This 'Honest' John Reed campaign proved to be a great success.

LEGEND : COPY + PICTURES

"Publishing a year book is a big job," our 1955 Legend Staff was informed by the editor, Put Robbins, when our fall semester began. As the weeks rolled around bringing with them their ad selling, advertising campaigns, layouts, and planning the annual, the staff realized that it was a "big job."

Starting the semester out with ad selling and later turning it into advertising, we found we all had plenty to do.

Many of the students had their "Moment of Madness" after visiting 'Honest John's' block long show room. John Reed, alias, "Honest John" our super duper salesman from another world was kept very

busy indeed, with his sales campaigns. When "Honest John" took to the air (Public Address) his persuasive sales talk inspired many students to buy this wonderful bargain, with not one, but two covers, both front and back. Seated in his block long show room, 'Honest John' was responsible for selling a majority of the annuals that were bought.

Our after school "get togethers" soon started the ball rolling to what is now your 1955 Legend.

When the Legend went to press in March with plans for an Annual Dance in the spring, plans were being made for next year's annual.



Looking over Annual material are seated Treva Schavey, and Janice Samuelson. Standing from left to right are Don Mongold, Bill Tittle, Barry Flynn, and Charlene Reed.

The girls admiring Ronnie Arellano as he types out annual staff copy are reading from left to right Mary Dyer, Joan Smith, Stephanie Strassen, and Joan Shepard.

Reading Annuals from other schools are seated Janat Robbins, Assistant Business Manager and Larry Lynn, Assistant Editor. Standing from left to right are Pug Robbins, Editor, Mr. Morris, sponsor; John Reed, Business Manager; and Mike Millikin, Assistant Mounting Staff Editor.



Standing are Danny Hendershott and Neil Robinson, Art Editor. Admiring the picture that Neil holds is Joanne Curry, while Lowell Ripperdan gets ideas from the art cut-out book.



No matter what you have in a paper, to have a good one, you must have a good arrangement. Mrs. Custer is explaining to journalism students, Larry Lynn and Joan Shephard, the arrangement problems.



POW WOW

The Pow Wow's cartoonist takes a hand at posters. Neil Robinson produced this year's original cartoons.

The Typewriter Blues. There are so many things to write about and only four pages to put them on. L. to R. Paul Bakken, Rollin Hawkinson, Dale Peyton, Lila Thompson, and Tanya McCasland.



The school paper, the Pow Wow, this year was printed on a different type of paper than last year. Due to last year's high production expenses, which lost the school money, the Pow Wow switched from magazine paper to regular newspaper paper. Working under a new sponsor, the staff faced many changes.

Mrs. Custer, this year's sponsor, initiated a new system for the Pow Wow. Each page has an editor and staff all its own. This new system gave more responsibility, and, therefore, more valuable experience to the journalism students. It also distributes the work more evenly and fairly. The paper is the

product of the journalism class but is commercially printed.

Putting out a newspaper isn't an easy task. One not only has to learn new technical terms but has to learn of a new style of writing. He must learn to ready copy for spelling and grammar mistakes, meet deadlines, write in different styles to meet the needs of various portions of the paper and the individual story, plan the lay-out of pages, and find the proper pictures and illustrations for his story and then work these into the pages. All in all it is fun and useful experience.

CHANGES STYLE

One of the things that makes the work on the Pow Wow more interesting is the exchange of papers with other schools. Comparing an exchange paper with our own are left to right: Ray Carmichael, Kent Linquist, Don Mongold, Lorna Collins, and Nancy Slagley.





Standing: L. to R. Larry Lynn, John Reed, Barry Flynn, Earl Jackson.

Sitting: L. to R. Stephanie Strassen, Barbara Creasy, Lynne Ripperdan, Mary Gilbert and Joanne Curry.



Standing: L. to R. Charlie Dawson, Tom Lenburg, Pete Adams, Leroy Jent, and Bill Uporski

Seated: L. to R. Curtis Severance, Carol Coyne, Treva Schavey, Janice Samuelson, and Duane Swanson.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council, under the supervision of Mr. Shaddick and leadership of Pat Robbins, President, has sponsored Homecoming, College Day, put on a Christmas program, and provided the school with two candy machines.

The council members worked hard all day Saturday, decorating the gym for the Homecoming dance that night. Crepe paper was twisted, stapled, and cursed 'till it was just right. Sassafras branches were cut and placed in the

center of the floor. The girls cut flowers for the tables and made punch with the help of Mrs. Herren. Everyone worked hard so they could enjoy themselves that night.

The Christmas program was good considering what was available for use. The all purpose room was used with the benches as seats. The Double Sextet sang and several comedy acts provided entertainment.



Standing: Pat Robbins, President and Mr. Shaddick, sponsor

Sitting: L. to R. Lowell Ripperdan, Arlene Hawkins, Twyla Elliott, and Nick Fekete.

The G.A.A. board consists of standing J. Shepard, Miss Curt, sponsor, Seated J. Wilcox, M. Brady, J. Zula, V. Strassen.



G.A.A. STARTS ACTIVITIES

Although late starting, the G.A.A. enjoyed its activities and were kept quite busy with them during the last semester.

Trying to raise their bowling average most of the girls enjoyed the competition they presented one another. Hitting number one pin at just the right angle to push all the pins over proved to be a perplexing, as well as enjoyable problem for all of the

girls.

Swimming, a sport which the G.A.A. enjoys immensely was practiced at the Knights of Columbus pool.

Sponsoring a Basketball Banquet for the team set off a year of fun which all the girls will remember.

Senior members of the G.A.A. are, Left to Right, Top Row — J. Shepard, T. Elliott, A. Hawkinson, B. Creasy, S. Crossman, J. Holm, P. Smith. Middle Row — S. Strassen, C. Farley, M. Parker, P. Rogyom, L. Ripperdan. Bottom Row — P. Turner, A. Truex, J. Henson, M. Gilbert.

Junior and Sophomore members are, Left to Right, Top Row — S. Mundell, D. Johann, J. Wilcox, M. Brady, C. Goin, P. Enos, J. Bednash, V. Strassen, D. Mendoza. Middle Row — J. Miller, J. Truex, C. Coyne, M. Lavoie, K. Sines, K. Peterson, J. Zula. Bottom Row — P. Girak, J. Merwald, J. Rice, B. Smith, J. Shirley, S. Henderson.





The National Thespian Society is a non-social, non-secret organization devoted to the advancement of the dramatic arts in secondary schools. Membership is reserved for those who have participated meritoriously in dramatic productions. To qualify for membership an applicant must have to his credit twenty points. Points are given for participation in various dramatic activities.



This year's Thespian Society members are: Kneeling B. Flynn, P. Robbins, M. Parker, B. Ingram, S. Strassen, D. Peyton, B. Creasy, P. Bakken, N. Robinson. Standing L. Ripperdan, R. Arellano, P. Smith, P. Ekstrom, J. Holm, A. Hawkinson, P. Turner, N. Tarkany, K. Johnson, J. Curry, Mrs. Janice Custer.

HONOR SOCIETY

Seated: Shirley Wyant, Stephanie Strassen, Arlene Hawkinson, Barbara Creasy, Joanne Curry. Standing: Peggy Ekstrom, Lloyd Long, Put Robbins, Mr. Shaddick, Duane Van Blaircom, Mary Dyer.



The National Honor Society grants privileges to those who have shown outstanding character, scholarship, leadership, and service in secondary schools throughout the nation. It is an organization in conjunction with the National Association of secondary school principals. The Portage chapter was granted its charter February 15, 1950. This year's sponsor is Mr. Shaddick.

Looking over the latest edition of the *Pine View* is the junior high staff. Seated - Toni Roye, Judy Taylor, Pat Fife, Wanetta Hutchings, Beverly McBride. Standing - Donna Miller, Mary Morrison, Ralph Luckey, Marvin Thomas, Marge Harris, Janice Anderson.



This industrious looking group spent many hours in preparing the junior high section of the *Legend*. Left to Right - Miss Novak, Marge Harris, Alan Hahn, Tom Samuels, Colyn Phillips, Tom Ambler, Pat Fife, Beverly McBride, Bill McGivern, Janice Anderson, Sandra Manley.

Volunteers from the freshman English class were seen roaming around the halls and poking into corners trying to uncover news to keep the presses rolling. The results were rewarding as the reporters viewed the fruits of their labor in print.

Cutting, mounting, writing — these are just a few of the many jobs that kept the Legend Staff busy in the cubby-hole back of room 305. A well-worn path was made to this room as the staff put on the last-minute touches which make the *Legend* a success. "Hurry" was the key word as the group, under the direction of Miss Novak, rushed along to meet the deadline.



First Row, Left to Right - P. Fife, M. Merwald, J. Sitton, L. Gray, R. Morrison, L. Long, J. Benfield, M. Morrison.
 Second row - J. Metzcus, C. Jannash, R. Charmichael, C. Thomas, L. Wright, P. Weber, J. Plummer, S. Sines, M. Thoma.
 Third Row - T. McCasland, L. Herron, P. Kimmet, M. Beach, D. Smock, M. Skubish, P. Dunlop, A. Tolliver, L. Prentice, J. Schlobohm, M. Johnson, R. Elders, T. Nohr, D. White, J. Nichols, F. Robbins.
 Fourth Row - B. Bandgrin, M. Corson, C. Crizer, J. Smith, Y. Nelson, D. Miller, R. Payne, L. Ingram, Mr. Lindquist, director; H. Hedstrom, S. Carlson, J. Powell, K. Anderson, J. Nelson, M. Cousins.

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

"Strike up the band" and "Sopranos, you're out of tune," were a few of the commands given to the first junior high band and choir. Portage has ever had. Songs of all kinds floated from the band room as these future Benny Goodmans and Rise Stevens practiced for the perfection that would give the high school band and choir competition.



Members of the Junior High Choir are, left to right - A. Ekstrom, T. Sistanich, E. Tabor, K. Sheffer, M. Heckman, J. Blair, J. Charleson, H. Babn, M. Harris.
 2nd Row - N. Hawkinson, S. Holm, M. Sistanich, T. Roye, D. Lynn, B. McBride, J. Taylor, W. Hutchings, P. Corbett, and P. Malis.





Cheerleaders Marjorie Harris, Sharon Holm, Sue Benner, and Mary Morrison lead the club in cheers during a Pep Session

T-E-A-M CHANTS PEP CLUB

JR. HIGH FORMS NEW PEP CLUB

A new Pep Club was organized this year by the junior high student body. The purpose of the club was to boost the spirit of the school. Because the club boasted an active membership of over 100 students, the team and cheerleaders were given great support at the games. As a money-making project, the club sold red and white pom-poms at the football games.



The Pep Club officers this year are Janice Blair, vice-president, JoAnn Metzger, finance committee chairman, Pat Carbert, president, Mary Morrison, secretary-treasurer, and Helen Babin, chairman of the Pom-Pom committee.



A gab session helps to boost the morale of the team. Here the cheerleaders and the Pep Club president are gabbing with the team. Note: This team has the highest morale in the state.



Upper J. Hassell, J. Hine, B. Rice, L. Healey, S. Clarida.

Center First Row R. Goggins, A. Paulson, M. Wolak, J. Edwards, Mr. Long, L. Long, J. Plummer, M. Beach.

Second Row - A. Davies, G. Bacon, S. Sanderson, J. Johnson, C. Thomas, M. Cousins and J. Nichols

Bottom First Row - T. Tracy, J. Creasy, R. Robinson, T. Sistanich, J. Schlobohm, Mrs. Long, B. De Supinski, J. Nelson.

Second Row - A. Severance, D. Bauer, B. Gottlieb, E. Davis, G. Hrnjak.



Young minds at work — ah, there's nothing so rewarding to see Science Club sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Long, combine work with pleasure in the club. Many future scientists have spent many happy noon hours in the science room. Both sponsors think it a good outlet for the students' energy and are happy to open the door to progress. The members have seen many interesting demonstrations, not only by the Science Club members but also by distinguished guests.

Cardlogging, arranging, and checking out books top the duties of Library Club members. Of course, no club is all work and no play. Heading the latter, the club held a combined banquet with the high school. Mrs. Robert Walker was the guest speaker.



These members are learning about the parts of a book. Left to right: J. Anderson, B. McBride, J. Bailey, Miss Novak, sponsor; M. Harris, K. Proffitt, P. Smith, and M. Morrison.

LIBRARIANS AT WORK

Keeping the books in order is an endless job that these librarians don't seem to mind doing. Left to right: F. Jacobs, K. Nelson, A. Gabor, J. Blair, J. Metzcus, C. Johnson, J. Vaughan, N. Hawkinson, J. Hinkle.



Service with a smile! The club officers prepare to check out a book. Left to right: Dorothea Lynn, vice-president; Judy Taylor, president; and Donna Miller, secretary-treasurer.





First Row - M. Harris, P. Smith, J. Taylor, M. Morrison, H. Babin, P. Corbett, M. Skubish, J. Plummer, J. Bailey, J. Willis, D. Roszowski, Mrs. Johnson, sponsor.
 Second Row - S. Holm, K. Collins, A. Moore, C. Babin, S. Bowlby, K. Proffitt, D. Miller, S. Manley, P. Osburn, D. Fronzek, S. Dix, K. Rogness.
 Third Row - V. Valentine, T. Royce, T. Sistanich, J. Hinkle, L. Gray, R. Gutierrez, L. Schlobohm, L. Jackson, B. McBride, J. Metzous, P. Fife, M. Ausburn, K. Kile.
 Fourth Row - S. Benner, L. Shepard, J. Warth, M. Sistanich, L. King, B. Brown, J. Blair, B. Ingram, J. Gabor, K. Hostettler, C. Wilson, J. Wolkens.
 Fifth Row - M. Wood, K. Sheffer, J. Charleson, E. Tabor, W. Hutchings, C. Johnson, V. Hutchings, N. Hawkinson, E. Robbins, V. Brown, M. Cruikshank, A. Collins.



Eagerly, over one hundred girls await Activity Night which takes place every Thursday evening after school. Various outside activities, such as swimming and bowling, add extra points toward the winning of awards that will be given to the girls at the end of the year.

One, two, three, squash! Those mats had better be soft
 Top - Sue Benner. Middle - Laura Shepard, Sharon Holm
 Bottom - Janice Blair, Liz Jackson, Tamara Sistanich



First Row M. Koedyker, R. Morrison, S. Sykes, S. Tilden, J. Merichle, C. Faikel, D. Smock, A. Eckstrom, J. Miller, D. Miller.
 Second Row B. Healy, S. Castella, S. Sines, S. Morgan, P. Karch, D. Miller, L. Yakel, H. Miller, L. Miller.
 Third Row G. Rogers, I. White, M. Beach, D. White, J. Nichols, C. Thomas, G. Koutsky, B. Metcalfe, S. Soltmann.
 Fourth Row J. Lindstrom, K. Ostroot, K. McDonald, B. Moore, M. Lemmon, B. Skubish, B. McIlrath, D. Mitchell, J. Reed, N. Kayes.
 Fifth Row J. Miller, J. Suchousky, S. Teague, J. Risner, S. Parker, F. Nelson, A. Roszkowski, P. Nelson, S. Smith, C. Norris.

No, it isn't the Atlantic City Beauty Pageant! The girls are merely demonstrating how not to act in a pool. Wednesday night swimming at the K of C pool in Gary proved to be helpful as well as fun. Left to right - Marjorie Harris, Pat Fife, Beverly McBride, Garnet Koutsky, and Sandra Manley.





Left to Right, First Row - R. Ginter, E. Tabor, L. Bennell.
 Second Row - A. Hahn, P. Corbett, J. Blair, K. Nelson, B. Brown.
 Third Row - J. McKim, J. Charleson, R. Gutierrez, V. Valentine, C. Glanders.
 A. Jannasch, N. Hawkinson.
 Fourth Row - D. Baranek, W. Hutchings, B. Funkey, L. Shepard, K. Sheffer,
 M. Morrison.
 Standing - J. Morgan, T. Sistanich, M. Sistanich, J. Warth, G. Davies, D.
 Smock, L. Miller, N. Stewart, R. Tucker.

LOS CHAVALES DE ESPAÑA



'Hola, que tal?' could be heard during a meeting of the Los Chavales de Espana (Kids from Spain) as they planned their activities for the year. In the meetings, which were held twice a month, the club translated songs, played games, celebrated birthdays, and learned about Spanish customs. The group has found the tape recorder a valuable instrument in studying pronunciation, especially during song practice.

The leaders of the club pose in front of one of their attractive bulletin boards. Left to right: Mr. Weber, sponsor; Rebecca Gutierrez, president; Pat Corbett, secretary-treasurer; Alan Hahn, vice-president.



The women work while the boys get to study!

Seated Darrell June, Junior Creasy, Frank Dunn, secretary-treasurer, and reading, Charles Bowlby.

Standing JoAnn Metzcus, Lois Schlobohm, Sue Benner, president, and Lila Romceovich.

CERCLE FRANCAIS

'Vive la France' exclaimed the students of the French class as they formed Portage's first French Club. The name given to the club is Cercle Francais and the purpose of the organization is to promote the use of the French language as a tool in daily living. To create a French atmosphere, a French flag was made and put up in the room along with pictures of Frenchmen in the news. Because French is the only language permitted during the club meetings, the members must study their lessons to know what is going on.

These students found the tape recorder helpful in improving their diction. Left to right: Mary Hecken, Judy Vaughn, Dorothea Lynn, Pat Smith, Mr. Weber sponsor, and Judy Roth.



Upper: Sorting lost and found articles for resale are, left to right James Edwards, George Svihla, Terry McCasland, and Marilyn Koedyker.

Lower: Examining a plaque before it is hung in the hall are, left to right Alan Hahn, Bob Mullins, Bob Wilson, Geraldine Hinkle, Starr Soltmann, John Avery, and Nancy Crist.



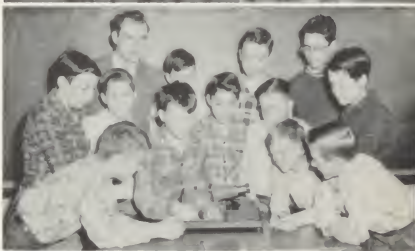
Working for the betterment of the student body is the job of the Student Council. The group felt the need for a neater looking school and sponsored a clean-up campaign whereby each student was to clean his locker and be more careful about placing waste paper in the proper containers. George Svihla, president of the council, led the student body in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag every Monday morning.



Planning and convention programs are front row - Mary Morrison, Pat Smith, Dorothy Lynn. Back Row - George Svihla, president, Mr. Walker, sponsor and John Avery.

Upper kneeling G. McKinney, J. Wagener
 Standing H. Hedstrom, D.
 Thern, A. Van Blaircom, R. Fenske, F. Gren-
 ow, J. Schlobohm, B. Gottlieb, T. Hull, D.
 Fenske, A. Paulsen

Lower First Row J. Norris, D. Dickerson,
 T. Leady, T. Sistanich, D. Gilbert, S. Kaechle.
 Second Row G. Hjrnak, J. Hentschel, Mr
 Lehmkuhl, B. Stewart, G. Moore, D. Rob-
 inson, J. Hassel



The Audio Visual Club, under the sponsorship
 of Mr. Whiteman and Mr. Lehmkuhl, han-
 dled a very heavy schedule by showing movies
 in the various classes in addition to showing
 the movie at the Freshman Class Party. They
 also worked with amplifiers and recording ma-
 chines



Upper Duane Bauer, president, Alan Severance,
 vice-president; Mr. Whiteman, sponsor James Nel-
 son, secretary-treasurer

Lower First Row J. Creasy, Ralph Robinson, Da-
 vid Little Second Row B. Vaughan, D. Gilbert,
 R. Ehlers, D. June, R. Stinson, H. Moore, F. Davis,
 J. Johnson



PEOPLE

In this section you will see the people of Portage; the students, the administration, the teachers; all those who make our school what it is. As you look at these familiar faces, you may recall many interesting incidents that have happened around Portage in the past year. These are the people who have participated in making the first year in the new school an eventful one.





Mr. Wallace Aylesworth, our township principal, takes a minute from his busy day to let our photographer snap his picture.

ADMINISTRATION

and TEACHERS

Starting the year in the new school means a lot of work has to be done to schedule classes and organize other school business. This was the job of Mr. Aylesworth and Mr. Shaddick

The teachers should be commended for the coopera-

tion they gave to the students this year at activities in and out of the school. They have helped sponsor many worthwhile activities that have benefited everyone.

The first principal of the new high school, Mr. Bryan Shaddick, checks over the weekly class schedule.

Mr. William Fegley, the junior high school principal, breaks his daily routine of checking the attendance list for this quick shot





JAMES BOGAN
History

DORIS BROOKS
Commercial



MARGARET BAIRD
Commercial



OPAL CURTIS
*Library
English*



JANICE CUSTER
*English
Journalism*



JACK CANTWELL
*Science
Mathematics*



ROGER LINDQUIST
Music



CHARLES METZCUS
*Coach
Industrial Arts*



MARJORIE HERREN
Home Economics



ROBERT MULLIN
Science



GEORGE MYERS
Music



RALPH MORRIS
*Effects of Alcohol,
Tobacco, Sedatives,
and Narcotics
Drivers Training*



DEAN SNIDER

Coach
Social Studies



MARY AULT

Homes Economics, Jr. Hi.



JOAN FARLEY

Art



RUTH LINDQUIST

Office



ETHEL JONES

Latin
English



JAMES WEBER

Foreign Language

JUNIOR HIGH TEACHERS



LUIS FRENCH

Coach
History



VERA CRISMAN

Home Economics

PHILIP DICKEY

Industrial Arts





CARL LEHMKUHL
Mathematics
AGNES LONG
Science



PAULINE JOHNSON
Gym



DORIS NOVAK
Library
English



RICHARD SHWERY
Mathematics



LOWELL LONG
Science



KARL SPECKHARD
Coach
Gym
Health and Safety



ROBERT WALKER
Social Studies



ROBERT SMITH
Coach
English



BEVERLY ALEXANDER
Office



MERLE WHITEMAN
Mathematics





Senior Class officers are Bill Tittle, Vice-President; Joan Jennings, Treasurer; Shirley Noel, Secretary; and Tom Lenburg, President.

Seated are the class sponsors, Mr. Cantwell, Mrs. Baird, and Mr. Snider.

FIRST GRADUATES

Being the first class to graduate from the new high school was the proudest boast of the seniors of 1955. Many things happened before this class was graduated and sent out to face the trials, that present themselves in our everyday lives. First of all they enjoyed the ordeal of staying home the first week of school, going to school the second week, staying home the third week, etc., until the new school was completed. On arrival at the new school they were soon to discover many things. As yet there were no lockers, so coats, books, and lunches were kept in homeroom, which also served as the lunchroom, since

the cafeteria was far from finished. Carpenters and painters shared their classes with them and seemed to enjoy it as much as the students. There was no P.A. system, no pencil sharpeners, and no blackboards, but they were installed later. Despite all these handicaps, they had their share of fun. They sponsored the Christmas Dance in the all-purpose room, presented the senior play, "The Line of Scrimmage," and were active in many different extra curricular activities, such as band and choir. Baccalaureate and graduation brought to a close all too soon, "the good old golden rule days," for the class of '55.

RONALD ARELLANO

Thespians 3,4; Library Club 2,3,4; Annual Staff 4; Spanish Club 1; Pep Club 1, 3; Choir 2,3,4; Double Sextette 4; Basketball Manager 3; Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball, Track 2,3,4; Quill and Scroll 4; Pep Band 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Band 1,2,3,4.

PAUL BAKKEN

Thespians 3,4; Latin Club 1, Pep Club 2; Band 1,2,3,4; Choir 2,3,4; Football 3; Track 2; Quill and Scroll 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Pow Wow 4; Student Council 4.

JOHN BENDER

Band 1,2,3,4; Choir 3,4; Baseball 1; Pep Band 3,4; Junior Play.

GARY BRADFORD

Student Council 1; Latin Club 1; Band 1; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,3,4; Junior Play.

RAMON CARMICHAEL

Pow Wow 4; Football 1; Track 1.

JIM CHARLSON

Thespians 4; Football 1; Junior Play; Senior Play

CAROL COBBLE

Thespians 3, Sec. 4; G.A.A. 1,2; Annual Staff 3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3; Choir 2,3; Quill and Scroll 3,4.

DON COKER

Football 2,3; Track 2,4.





LORNA COLLINS

Pow Wow 4; Spanish Club 2



BARBARA CREASY

Thespians 4; Pow Wow 1,2,3; G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Library Club 2,3,4; Annual Staff 3; Student Council 3,4; Spanish Club 2; Pep Club 1, 2,3,4; Honor Society 3,4; Quill and Scroll 3; Pres. 4; Senior Play.



JOANNE CURRY

Thespians 3; Pres. 4; G. A. A. 1,2, 3; Annual Staff 4; Student Council 4; Latin Club 1; Pep Club 1, 2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Honor Society 3,4; Choir 3,4; Pep Band 3; Junior Play; Senior Play; Quill and Scroll 4; Class Treasurer 3.



MARY DYER

Thespians 4; Annual Staff 4; Student Council 1; Latin Club 1,2; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Honor Society 3,4; Quill and Scroll 4; Junior Play; Senior Play.



PEGGY EKSTROM

Thespians 3,4; Pow Wow 3; G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club 1,2; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Honor Society 3,4; Choir 3,4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Junior Play; Senior Play.



TWYLA ELLIOTT

G. A. A. 1,2,3,4; Library Club 3, 4; Student Council 4; Pep Club 1, 3,4; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Queen's Court 4.



RONALD FALARDEAU

Choir 4.



NORMA FASANO

G. A. A. 1,2; Pep Club 1,2.

NICK FEKETE

Student Council 4; Pep Club 1, 4; Choir 4; Basketball 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1

BARRY FLYNN

Thespians 4; Library 2; Annual Staff 4; Student Council 4; Spanish Club 4; Latin Club 1 A, V Club 1, 2, 3; Pres. 4; Pep Club 4; Band 4; Choir 2, 3, 4; Quill and Scroll 4; Senior Play; Photography Club 4.

MARY GILBERT

G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Library Club 4; Student Council 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 3, 4; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4.

LOWELL GLENN

Spanish Club 1; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Cross Country 2, 3; Junior Play.

JIM HALLMAN

Spanish Club 1, 2; A, V, Club 1; Sec. Treas. 2, 3; V. Pres. 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Cross Country 3; Photography Club 4.

ARLENE HAWKINSON

Thespians 3; V. Pres. 4; Pow Wow 3; Asst. Ed. 3; G.A.A. 1, 4; Student Council 1, 3; Sec 4; Latin Club 1; Sec. 2; Pep Club 1, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Society 3, 4; Choir 2, 3, 4; Quill and Scroll 3; Sec 4; Double Sextette 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Girls' State.

JEANIE HENSON

LeRoy High School 1, 2; Bloomington 3; G.A.A. 4; Pep Club 4; Queen's Court 4.

CARL HINDERER

Thespians 4; Football 2, 3; Junior Play; Senior Play.





JOAN HOLM

Thespians 3, Treas. 4; Pow Wow 3, G.A.A. 4; Library Club 4; Pep Club 3,4, Choir 2,3,4; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Bowen High School 1 Central Junior High School 1

JOAN JENNINGS

G.A.A. 1,2,3; Pep Club 1,2,3; Sec. Treas. 4; Class Sec. Treas. 4



DEAN JOHANSON

Pow Wow 4, Choir 2,3,4, Football 1, Track 1,2

BONNIE JOHNSON

G.A.A. 1,2,3; Pep Club 1,2,3



KARAN JOHNSON

Medaryville High School 1,2,3,4; Thespians 4; Choir 1, Senior Play.

DONNA JOHNSTON



LEROY JONTS

Track 4, Cross Country

MICHAEL KLUKVIN, JR

Student Council 3, Spanish Club 1,2, A. V. Club 2,3,4, Pep Club 1,2,3, Band 1,2,3,4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Double Sextette 4; Track 1,2,3,4, Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Photography Club 4

HARVEY LAHAIE

Pep Club 4; Basketball 1, 2; Football 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2, 3; Junior Play.

THOMAS LENBURG

Student Council 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Choir 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 4; Junior Play; Class Pres. 3, 4; Boys State.

VIRGIE LOGSDON

G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 1; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

LLOYD LONG

Student Council 2; Latin Club 1; Pres. 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Society 3, 4; Choir 2, 3, 4; Double Sextette 4; Pep Band 3; Boys State; Valedictorian.

TANYA McCASLAND

Thespians 4; Pow Wow 3, 4; G.A.A. 4; Library Club 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 1; Pep Club 3, 4; Senior Play.

JAMES McHARGUE

Choir 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 4; Cross Country 3, 4

LOIS MAHNS

GEORGE MARSOLEK





DAN MOORE

Pep Club 2,3,4; Choir 4; Track 1, 2,3,4; Cross Country 4; Junior Play.



PEGGY MOORE

Calumet Twp. 1,2,3.



RALPH NEMERGUT

Latin Club 1; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2.



SHIRLEY NOEL

Horace Mann 1; Tilghman 2,3; Pep Club 4; Queen's Court 4; Class Secretary 4.



JACK OAKLEY

Providence High School 1; Track 3,4; Cross Country 4.



MARY PARKER

Thespians 3,4; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Library Club 3,4; Student Council 2; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader 2,3,4; Queen's Court 1; Junior Play; Photography Club 4.



DALE PEYTON

Pow Wow 4; Photography Club Pres. 4; Spanish Club 2; Pep Club 4; Band 1,2,3,4; Choir 2,3,4; Double Sextette 4; Pep Band 2,3,4.



RON PUETT

Pep Club 1,2; Band 1; Basketball 1,2,3; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1, 2,3,4.

CHARLENE REED

Pow Wow 2; G.A.A. 4; Library Club 3,4; Annual Staff 4; Spanish Club 1,2; Pep Club 4; Quill and Scroll 2,4.

JOHN REED

Library Club 2, Vice-Pres. 3; Annual Staff 3,4; Student Council 1,4; French Club 4; Latin Club 1; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Junior Play; Class President 1; Class Vice-Pres. 2,3.

LOWELL RIPPERDAN

Thespians 4; Pow Wow 3; Annual Staff 4; Student Council 1,3,4; Spanish Club 1,2; Pep Club 2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Vice-Pres. 4; Choir 1,2,3,4; Double Sextette 3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 2,3,4; Track 1; Cross Country 2,3,4; Quill and Scroll 4; Pep Band 1,2; Senior Play.

LYNNE RIPPERDAN

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Student Council 4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Choir 2,3,4; Majorette 4; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Double Sextette 3,4; Senior Play.

PUTNAM ROBBINS

Annual Staff 3, Ed. 4; Student Council Pres. 4; Spanish Club 1,2; Band 1,2,3, Pres. 4; Honor Society 3,4; Choir 3; Basketball 1,2,3; Track 2; Cross Country 2; Quill and Scroll 3,4; Pep Band 4; Senior Play; Thespians 4.

NEIL ROBINSON

St. Joseph's Seminary 1, St. Jude's Seminary 2; Thespians 3,4; Pow Wow 3,4; Library Club 3,4; Annual Staff 3,4; Photography Club Vice-Pres. 4; Band 3,4; Junior Play; Senior Play.

PAULINE ROGYOM

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Library Club 3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Choir 4; Photography 4.

PETE SEELY

Kerr High School 1; Aspinwall High School 2; Pow Wow 3; Pep Club 3,4; Football 3,4; Track 4.



**JOAN SHEPPARD**

Pow Wow 3,4; G.A.A. 1,2
 Pres. 4; Library Club 3,4; An-
 nual Staff 4; Pep Club 3,4.

JOANNE SMITH

Horace Mann 1; Thespians 3,4
 G.A.A. 2; Library Club 4; Annu-
 al Staff 4; Pep Club 3; Choir 2,
 3,4; Double Sextette 3,4; Junior
 Play; Senior Play, Quill and
 Scroll 4.

**PEGGY SMITH**

Thespians 3,4; Library Club 1,2
 3,4; Latin Club 2; Pep Club 1,2
 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Senior Play

LEONA SMOCK

G.A.A. 1,2; Latin Club 1; Pep
 Club 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Choir
 2,3,4.

**STEPHANIE STRASSEN**

Photography Club 1; G.A.A. 1,2,
 3,4; Library Club 4; Annual Staff
 1; Student Council 3; Latin Club
 1,2; Pep Club 1,2,3; Pres. 4; Band
 1,2,3; Sec. Treas. 4; Honor Soci-
 ety 3,4; Choir 2,3,4; Quill and
 Scroll 4; Homecoming Queen
 Senior Play.

JACK THOMAS

Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,4;
 Track 1,2,4.

**LESLIE THORN**

Latin Club 1; Band 2,3,4; Choir 2,
 4; Football 1; Baseball 4; Cross
 Country 4.

BILL TITTLE

Pow Wow 1; Annual Staff 3,4;
 Student Council 2; Latin Club 1,
 2; A. V. Club 1,2,4; Vice-Pres. 3;
 Pep Club 1,2; Band 2,3,4; Choir
 2,3,4; Track 4; Junior Play; Quill
 and Scroll 3,4; Photography Club
 4; Class President 2; Class Vice-
 President 4.

AMY TRUEX

G.A.A. 4; Library Club 4; Pep Club 4; Queen's Court 2.

CLARA TUCKER

G.A.A. 2

PHYLLIS TURNER

G.A.A. 1,2,3; Spanish Club 1; Pep Club 2,4; Cheerleader 4; Queen's Court 4; Thespians 4.

DUANE VAN BLAIRCOM

French Club 4; Spanish Club 1; 2; Audio Visual Club 1,2,3; Honor Society 3, 4; Salutatorian.

WARREN WADE

Photography Club 4; Latin Club 1; Pep Club 4; Choir 2,3; Track 1; Junior Play; Senior Play.

ALICIA WOLAK

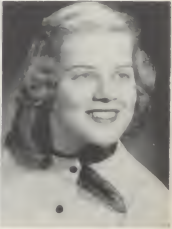
Spanish Club 1,2; Choir 3,4; Senior Play.

MURLEY WYANT

Spanish Club 2; Pep Club 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Honor Society 3,4; Junior Play; Senior Play.

SHARON ZUROW

Carl Schurz High School 1; Liberty Center High School 2,3; Choir 4; Senior Play.





SHIRLEY CROSSMAN

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Choir 2,3,4; Junior Play; Senior Play.

KEN DOUGHERTY

Library Club 3; Vice-Pres. 4; French Club 4, Pres.; Spanish Club 2; Audio Visual 1,2,3,4; Senior Play.



BILL HENTSCHEL

Thespians 4; Library Club 2; Pep Club 4; Junior Play.

NANCEE TARKANY

Thespians 3,4; Library Club 2,3,4, Sec.-Treas. 3; French Club 4; Latin Club 1; Choir 4; Junior Play.



Mr. Snider says, "If you want your credit, you're going to have to earn it."



Cadet teachers of today may soon be regular teachers in a few years. While in high school these people learn what it is like to teach grade school children.

In the front row are: Lorna Collins, Amy Truex, Lynne Ripperdan, Peggy Ekstrom.

Standing, left to right are: Tanya McCasland, Karen Johnson, Virgie Logsdon, Leona Smock, Lowell Ripperdan, Lois Mahns, Joanne Curry, Sharon Zurow.



Shirley Crossman says, "Look what I have!" Admiring that valuable diploma are Dean Johanson, Joan Smith, and Paul Bakken.

JUNIORS PLAN PROM

The Juniors started this year with their class rings ordered last spring.

Before Thanksgiving they got out the Christmas card samples and tried their hand at selling—they did pretty good, too.

The first class party was a Little Abner-Daisy Mae affair with the kids themselves providing refreshments. The girls brought sandwiches and the boys brought cokes. Broom dancing and life saver relays were fun for everyone there.

Mrs. Herren came with prizes for the highest and second highest Christmas card salesmen. Mr. Metz-

cus and Mr. Mullen sponsored the party.

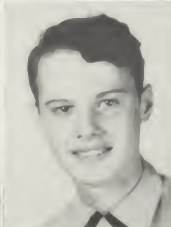
None of the Juniors could wait for the two most important events of their year.

The class play, which was directed by Mrs. Custer and Mr. Donald Bell, was put on in March, rehearsals starting in the first week.

The all-important prom was held at the Marquette Park Pavilion, April 22. A band had to be selected, flowers ordered, tickets sold, punch made, and decorations put up. All this was done for the first time by the proud Juniors.

Seated, left to right: Sponsors, Mr. Metzcus, Section C; Mrs. Herren, Section B; Mr. Bogan, Section A.
Standing, left to right: Janice Samuelson, Treasurer; Lindy Bancourt, Secretary; Charles Dawson, President. Absent, Vice President Bob Haack.





Ed Aller
Larry Borg
Beverly Calvert
Doreen Couch

Bill Amos
Bill Borrowman
John Clark
Paul Cousins

Jerry Arthur
Larry Bradford
Garland Claxton
Carole Coyne

Lindy Betancourt
Roberta Bush
Tom Connors
Mary Crowe

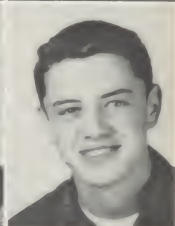


Louis Crowmover
Nancy Dean
Lewis Edwards
Richard Gates

Charles Crossman
Lee Delmage
John Ewen
Irene Gilbert

Charles Dawson
Sally Dewitt
Joyce Farry
James Gilbert

Hugh Davis
Carl Douglas
Ronald Gaines
Jon Gottlieb



Nick Greavu
Dorothy Hentschel
Ken Howerton
Leroy Jent

Bob Haack
Dan Hendershott
Joann Huff
Bill Kleckner

Rollin Hawkinson
Betty Henke
Bryce Ingram
Wanda Knoff

Grace Heckman
Bill Hinkle
Kenny Jackson
Mary Lou Lavorci



Theodore Lee
Kent Lindquist
Barbara Maluvac
Mike Millikin

Warran Lemanski
Helen Logsdon
Jolynne McDonald
Don Mongold

John Lenburg
Larry Lynn
Mike Metzgas
Judy Moore

Edwin Lewis
Joc Magura
Myra Miller
John Nygra



Judy Olson
Janet Robbins
Janice Samuelson
Paul Schultz

Bob Parish
John Rollins
Terry Sausman
Donald Scott

Ted Peterson
Ed Ross
Treva Schavey
Eric Seely

Dale Puett
Charlie Russell
Bruce Shultz
Nancy Slagley



Keith Sharpe
Betty Snow
Kay Tabor
Juanita Truex

Paul Shudick
Isabelle Steele
Rose Tesci
Bill Uporsky

Andy Siska
Dan Stevens
Doug Thomas
Janice Zula

Norman Smock
Anita Strain
Lila Thompson
Barbara Zyskowski



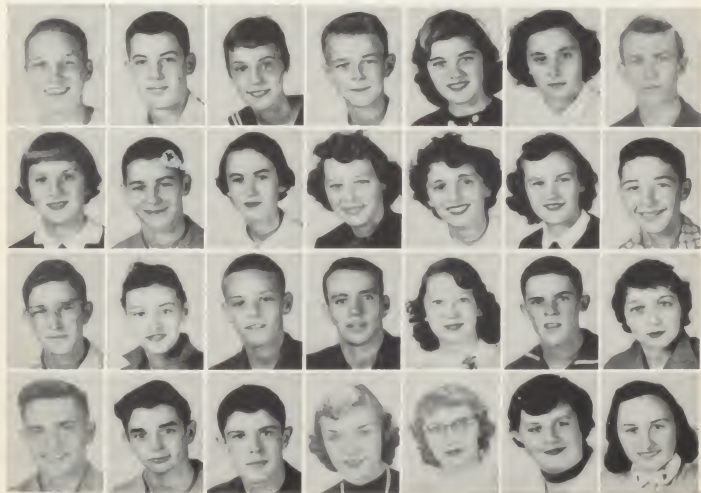
The sophomores had loads of fun at their class party where the main events were dancing and a movie. Refreshments were sold and the money was added to the treasury for future years.

In February they decided on the kind of class rings they wanted. They can't wait to get them now that they are ordered.

The Sophomore class officers standing from left to right are Mike Brady, vice-president; Carol Goin secretary; Earl Jackson, president; (not pictured is) Joan Smith, treasurer. The sponsors are left to right Mr. Mullen, Miss Brooks, Mr. Morris.

SOPHOMORES

LEARN WAY AROUND



P. Adams
M. Brady
D. Carmichael
B. Curry

J. Bacon
M. Brady
P. Cirak
D. Dean

S. Baker
A. Bratton
R. Crist
J. Douglas

C. Bakken
K. Brown
J. Colville
P. Enos

J. Bednash
N. Corneil
S. Crossman
J. Fifield

G. Bond
L. Brown
D. Culp
M. Funkey

F. Bonick
J. Carlson
R. Cummins
M. Elledge



S. Gates
M. Hickman
D. Jager
C. Lahaie
J. Lute
F. Midnight
M. Nicoletto

C. Goin
J. Hill
D. Johann
T. Lemmon
J. Lynn
J. Miller
D. Payne

P. Gottlieb
C. Hinderer
M. Johnson
B. Leeper
J. Mander
M. Morrison
D. Pearson

M. Hahn
P. Huff
D. Jones
B. L'Huillier
R. Larson
S. Mueller
L. Peterson

J. Hall
D. Hord
A. Kopko
B. L'Huillier
R. McKinney
S. Mundell
K. Peterson

S. Henderson
P. Hutchings
B. Knouff
D. Lute
D. Mendoza
C. Myrshall
D. Raulerson

C. Hibbs
E. Jackson
W. Kraft
D. Lute
S. Mueller
B. Nelson
F. Razinha



J. Razinha
B. Sinclair
D. Swanson

Y. Reed
K. Sines
B. Tidwell

J. Rice
B. Smith
I. Van Blaircom

L. Rogness
J. Smith
M. Wade
A. Zyskowski

P. Schlobohm
K. Stillabower
I. Warwick

C. Severance
V. Strassen
J. Wilcox

J. Shirley
J. Swab
B. Wilder

FRESHMEN FROLIC

AS HEADS of JR. HIGH



H. Abraham
T. Bednash

T. Ambler
I. Bennell

J. Anderson
S. Benner

C. Arthur
J. Blair

H. Babin
C. Bowlby

D. Baranek
B. Brown

D. Baum
R. Buhman



J. Charlson
A. Ekstrom
B. Funky
A. Hahn
K. Ingraham
P. Koritko
R. Luckey

J. Coker
C. Ewen
A. Gabor
M. Harris
E. Jackson
T. Kunstek
D. Lynn

K. Collins
C. Faikel
J. Gilbert
M. Heckman
A. Jannasch
J. Laingren
S. Main

E. Compass
P. Fife
R. Ginter
N. Hawkinson
D. June
D. Larson
P. Malis

J. Creasy
K. Filler
T. Gottlieb
S. Holm
N. Kile
J. Leady
M. Magura

G. Davies
C. Flanders
L. Griffin
D. Huffman
L. King
F. Lemanski
D. Marshall

F. Dunn
B. Flynn
R. Gutierrez
W. Hutchings
D. Koedyker
L. Long
B. McBride



B. McGivern
H. Moore
T. Phillips
L. Sausman
J. Sitton
R. Sowles
B. Tobey

J. McKim
J. Morgan
R. Plumer
L. Schlubohm
C. Smith
N. Stewart
B. Todd

J. Metzcus
M. Morrison
D. Redman
K. Sheffer
P. Smith
D. Strilich
R. Tucker

D. Miller
K. Nelson
L. Romcevic
L. Shepard
D. Smock
G. Swihla
V. Valentine

J. Miller
S. Nicholson
J. Roth
J. Suka
R. Snelling
E. Tabor
J. Vaughan

L. Miller
P. Parker
A. Roye
M. Sistanich
D. Snow
J. Taylor
J. Warth

A. Moore
C. Phillips
R. Samplawski
T. Sistanich
JD Sosh
M. Thomae
M. Wood

EIGHTH PREPARE

for HIGH SCHOOL



B. Adametz
D. Bauer
A. Collins
M. Cruikshank
B. Edelen
J. Ferguson

D. Amos
M. Bishop
F. Cornett
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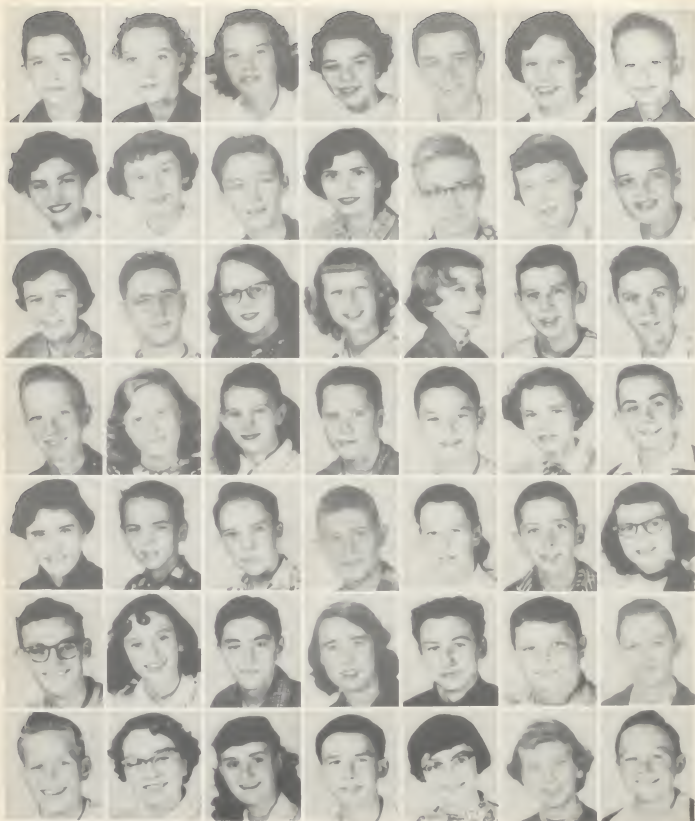
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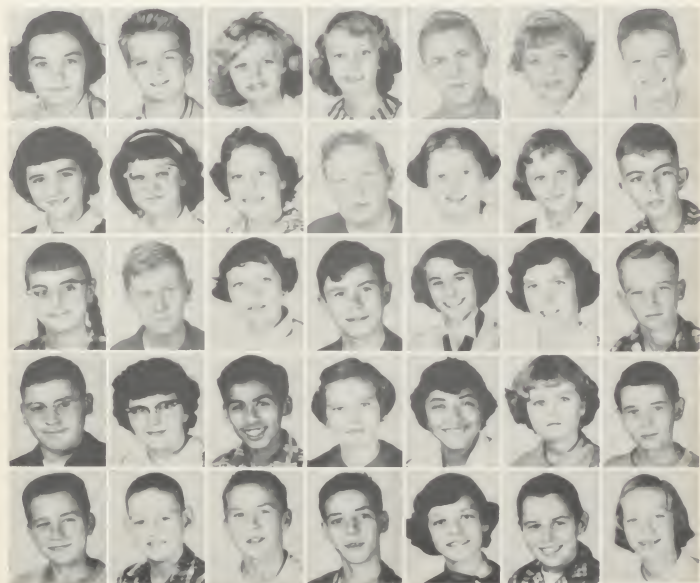
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Left to Right - George Svihla, Pres., Mr. Weber, sponsor; Bill Todd, Vice-Pres., Mrs. Johnson, Sponsor; Tom Kunstek, Sec. Treas., Mr. Dickey, sponsor.



The eighth grade sponsors and officers had a difficult time choosing the type of party which they would like to have. After much discussion they decided on a skating party which was enjoyed by all.

Left to Right - Bob Mullen, Sec.-Treas., Mr. Long, Mr. Smith, Joyce Bailey, Vice-Pres., Mr. Schwery, James Nelson, Pres., Mr. Lehmkuhl, and Mr. Walker.



These were the capable representatives of the seventh grade for 1954-55. They certainly charted an interesting course. The skating party, for example, was a howling success.

Seated Miss Crisman, Mrs. Long, and Miss Novak. Standing John Avery, Pres., Nancy Kayes, Sec.-Treas., Mr. Whiteman, Mr. French, and Clark Crizer, Vice-Pres.

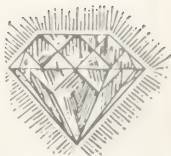
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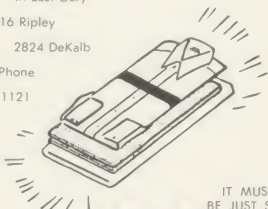
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